

# The Maryland

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

In late May, I was proud to announce our new Interstate Criminal Enforcement Team, also known as the ICE Team. The ICE Team is made up of troopers specially-trained and highly experienced in criminal interdiction work. The team will move throughout Maryland, working specific areas and targeting all types of criminals moving in and through the state by motor vehicle.

When I became Superintendent, I said that criminal interdiction on our highways would be a priority. Those who turn our citizens into victims, whether of homicide, robberies, or drug abuse, have to travel from place to place and most do it by motor vehicle. The role of the ICE Team is to identify and intercept those criminals.

The ICE Team began operations in early May and has already had impressive results. In just six weeks the team has made 21 criminal interdiction arrests, recovered more than 40 pounds of cocaine and marijuana, more than two pounds of high purity heroin, found more than \$130,000 in drug money, and seized two guns while working I-95. Several of those arrested were fugitives wanted in other states. One fugitive was wanted by four different jurisdictions.

Our troopers have learned through further investigation that several of the intercepted drug shipments were headed to Baltimore and other Maryland communities. The ICE Team stopped a load of 14 pounds of pure cocaine that was on its way to the streets of Baltimore. By the time that amount had been "cut," or reduced in purity for street level sales, it would have amounted to hundreds of thousands of dosage units for sale on city streets. *(continued on Page 4)*

## FALLEN HEROES HONORED DURING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In recognition of National Police Week, Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Edward T. Norris presided over the Fallen Heroes Ceremony on Friday, May 9, 2003 at the Pikesville headquarters.

Even though the weather did not permit our usual outside ceremony at the Fallen Heroes Memorial, generations of family members, friends and fellow troopers gathered in the gymnasium to honor the 38 individuals who were killed while performing their law enforcement duties and two others who lost their lives in World War II.

In addition to Colonel Norris, guest speakers included Lieutenant Governor Michael S. Steele and Gregg A. Presbury, Jr., the son of Gregg A. Presbury, Sr., who lost his life on December 17, 1977.

Colonel Norris and Brigadier General Warner Sumpter presented wreaths in memory of the men and women who gave their lives for their state and nation. Wreaths were also placed at the grave sites of each fallen hero.



(From L to R) Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele, Trooper Angelo Shusko, TFC David M. Thomas, Colonel Edward T. Norris, TFC Terry Allen and Brigadier General Warner Sumpter presented wreaths in memory of our fallen heroes. *(MSP PHOTO BY RICHARD YIENGER)*

John W. Jeffrey  
Officer  
September 1, 1921

William C. Lochner  
Officer  
April 20, 1923

Raymond P. Eicholtz  
Officer  
March 27, 1923

Hugh K. Painter  
Officer  
March 30, 1924

Albert E. Cramblitt  
Officer  
October 1, 1925

James S. Noon  
Officer  
December 25, 1927

Clinton R. Rhodes  
Officer  
January 28, 1931

Theodore A. Moore  
Officer  
September 25, 1932

Imla D. Hubbard  
Officer First Class  
March 4, 1933

Joseph E. Kuhn  
Officer  
April 8, 1934

Carroll C. Creeger  
Officer First Class  
December 23, 1934

Wilbert V. Hunter  
Quartermaster Sergeant  
February 7, 1936

J. F. Leo Shaab  
Officer  
July 22, 1937

Ellsworth D. Dryden  
Quartermaster Sergeant  
October 7, 1938

Lauren M. Ridge  
Trooper First Class  
July 14, 1950

Leonard N. Brown  
Lieutenant  
July 7, 1958

Arthur W. Plummer, Jr.  
Trooper First Class  
April 9, 1961

Thomas A. Noyle  
Trooper First Class  
October 28, 1972

Phillip L. Russ  
Trooper First Class  
October 28, 1972

Donald E. Parkerson  
Trooper First Class  
September 18, 1973

William P. Mills, Jr.  
Trooper First Class  
June 8, 1979

Gary L. Wade  
Trooper  
January 30, 1982

Gregory A. May  
Corporal  
January 19, 1986

Carey S. Poetzman  
Trooper First Class  
January 19, 1986

John E. Sawa  
Trooper First Class  
March 10, 1987

Larry E. Small  
Trooper  
March 10, 1987

Eric D. Monk  
Trooper First Class  
April 9, 1988

Theodore D. Wolf, Sr.  
Corporal  
March 29, 1990

Mark P. Groner  
Trooper First Class  
October 1, 1992

Edward A. Plank, Jr.  
Trooper First Class  
October 17, 1995

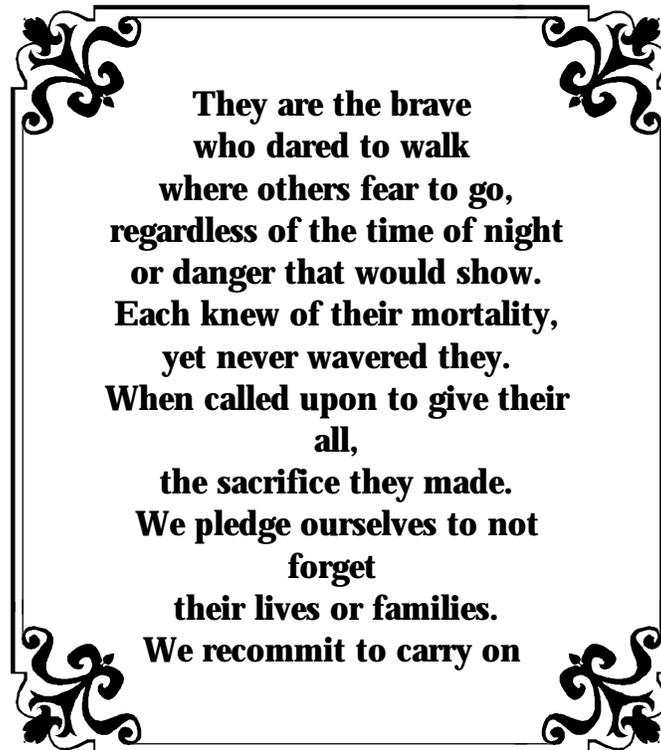
Joseph T. Lanzi, Sr.  
Trooper First Class  
October 28, 1995

Raymond G. Armstead, Jr.  
Trooper  
March 25, 1998

Edward M. Toatley  
Trooper First Class  
October 30, 2000

Samuel F. Wilderson  
Trooper  
Class of October 1, 1939  
Killed in action during World War II  
on July 28, 1943

Sherwood R. Williams  
Trooper  
Class of August 1, 1942  
Killed in action during World War II  
on February 1, 1945



Charles S. Rathell  
Trooper First Class  
September 18, 1973

Milton V. Purnell, Jr.  
Trooper  
May 29, 1975

Mart Hudson, Jr.  
Trooper  
June 16, 1975

Wallace J. Mowbray  
Sergeant  
August 10, 1975

Gregg A. Presbury, Sr.  
Trooper  
December 17, 1977



Gregg A. Presbury, Jr., spoke to his "Maryland State Police family" during the Fallen Heroes Ceremony. (MSP PHOTO BY RICHARD YIENGER)



Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele (Center) and Colonel Edward T. Norris (R) greeted Mr. Edgar Toatley, father of fallen hero TFC Edward Toatley. (MSP PHOTO BY RICHARD YIENGER)



Mrs. Faye Monk and Mr. Fred Monk, escorted by Sgt. Jean Mastronardi (center), place a rose for their son, fallen hero Trooper First Class Eric D. Monk. (MSP PHOTO BY RICHARD YIENGER)



Fallen heroes without surviving family members are never forgotten. TFC Cynthia Brown places a rose of remembrance for fallen hero Officer Hugh K. Painter. (MSP PHOTO BY RICHARD YIENGER)



Several troopers stand at attention as *Taps* is played by First Sergeant Ken Hasenei. (MSP PHOTO BY RICHARD YIENGER)

**SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE***(continued)*

I believe active criminal interdiction like this will assist Baltimore and other Maryland cities in their crime-fighting efforts. The drugs already intercepted by the ICE Team represent a significant amount of misery, addiction and death on our streets. Our goal is to stop the flow of drugs on our highways, especially those shipments headed to Baltimore and communities across our state.

I have made certain that our ICE Team troopers are well-versed in Constitutional law and Fourth Amendment issues. They have completed the professional traffic stop training course approved by the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Each of their cars is equipped with an in-car video camera to record their traffic stops.

I have required that detailed records of all ICE Team traffic stops be kept and reviewed daily. This includes a regular review of traffic stop videos.

Criminals intending to move guns, drugs and other contraband through our state need to be afraid. The ICE Team and all of our troopers on patrol are alert for signs of criminal activity during traffic stops. We will work within our rules and regulations and the laws of our state and nation. We will not stop our pursuit of those criminals who travel our highways, flaunting their disregard for our laws and the safety of our citizens.

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

*by Reverend Charles H. Acker, Jr.  
Director of Chaplain Services*

Each year in May, a candlelight vigil is held at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. I had the privilege of offering the invocation during the 2003 Candlelight Vigil as 377 names were added to the memorial. More than 20,000 people, many law enforcement officers from across the nation, were in attendance to honor these officers who made the supreme sacrifice for their fellow humans and for their community. As Director of Chaplain Services for the Maryland State Police and as the pastor of Johnsville United Methodist Church in Frederick County and minister of visitation and teaching for Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church in Carroll County, I was pleased and honored to represent both the Department and congregations which I serve.

In working with law enforcement officers, I am continually impressed by the solidarity among them. That solidarity is never more evident than during times of tragedy and loss. At such times, the members of law enforcement never fail to come together to mourn, to grieve and to console. Just the kind of behavior that you see in a family. And I guess, at their heart, the members of law enforcement are all part of a very large, extended family—a family that does not see geographical boundaries or the differences in uniform, only their commonality.

The root of their commonality was best exemplified by “the thin blue line” that streaked the Washington, DC skyline. It reminded me how few people, how few law enforcement officers stand between our communities, our families, our children and those who seek to do evil. And I am personally grateful to all who are willing to answer that call.

Scripture tells us that a man or woman can show no more love than in laying down his or her life for others. It is that kind of love the officers for whom we lit candles that evening showed in their lives. It was that kind of love for which they gave their lives. I will forever hold in my heart and in my prayers wives and husbands, parents and children who

continue on without their loved ones. And I pray for the officers who continue to stand guard on that “thin blue line” that separates us from those who would seek to harm us.

**POLICE FACTS**

- ? 850,000 sworn law enforcement officers serve in the United States
- ? 1,655 law enforcement officers have died in the line of duty in the last 10 years,  
an average of one death every 53 hours
- ? 148 law enforcement officers were killed in 2002

## STATE POLICE SUPERINTENDENT WARNS OF "ICE" ON THE HIGHWAYS

Regardless of the approaching summer weather, State Police Superintendent Colonel Edward T. Norris has warned drug smugglers and other criminals that "ICE" is on Maryland roads.

Colonel Norris unveiled the Interstate Criminal Enforcement (ICE) Team concept in front of bundles of cocaine and marijuana the team has recovered in less than three weeks. The ICE Team is made up of troopers specially trained and highly experienced in criminal interdiction work. The team will move throughout Maryland, working specific areas targeting all types of criminals moving in and through the state by motor vehicle. The number of troopers on the team is not being made public for safety and enforcement reasons.

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The ICE Team began operations May 5 and has already had impressive results while working I-95 north of Baltimore. The team has made 14 arrests, recovered more than 40 pounds of cocaine and marijuana, found more than \$100,000 in drug money, and seized two guns. Troopers also took custody of three cars with specially built compartments for smuggling. Three of those arrested were fugitives from justice. One man was wanted in four states for drug distribution offenses.

Investigators have learned that two drug shipments intercepted were headed for the streets of Baltimore. One of those seizures was more than 14 pounds of pure cocaine. When diluted by dealers, that could have amounted to more than 75 pounds of cocaine on the street.

Colonel Norris believes active criminal interdiction like this will assist Baltimore City in its crime fighting efforts. "The drugs already intercepted by the ICE Team represent a lot of misery, addiction and death on our streets," Colonel Norris said. "Our goal is to stop the flow of drugs on our highways that is headed to Baltimore and communities across our state."

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record their traffic stops.

Detailed records of all ICE Team traffic stops are being kept and reviewed daily. The team is closely supervised, a practice which includes regular review of their traffic stop videos.



Twenty-one pounds of marijuana and a fully loaded Hi-Point 9mm semi-automatic handgun were recovered on May 7, 2003, after members of the Ice Team stopped a driver for a seat belt violation and expired registration. The passenger was wanted in four states for felony distribution of narcotics. (MSP PHOTO BY DENISE K. MASIMORE)

## DEATHS

Allen, Thomas B., May 19, 2003, Services Supervisor I (Ret.), served the MSP from January 26, 1959 to May 31, 1978

Annan, Margie M., April 19, 2003, grandmother of Trooper Leo N. Nims, Glen Burnie Barracks

Bowman, Marshal, May 30, 2003, grandfather of TFC Gregory L. Heiston, ASES

Buck, Beverly V., November 16, 2002, wife of Sgt. (Ret.) Edward Buck

Griffin, Melvin D., May 20, 2003, grandfather of TFC Jason Griffin, Bel Air Barracks

Jacobson, Jacob S., April 30, 2003, son of PCO II Allan B. Jacobson, Leonardtown Barracks

Johnson, Patrice, May 3, 2003, sister of TFC Steven Johnson, Waterloo Barracks

Kellar, Joann, May 30, 2003, mother of TI Raymond Kellar, ASES

Matthews, Norris, June 3, 2003, father of Administrative Specialist III Verna Davidson, Quartermaster Section and Jill Millineaux, retired MSP employee

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## **THINK THERE'S NO HARM IN AGGRESSIVE DRIVING? *THINK AGAIN***

Anger Management is at the top of everyone's mind as evidenced by the box office success of the movie starring Adam Sandler and Jack Nicholson. And with area congestion at an all-time high, too many drivers are acting out their frustrations by speeding, tailgating, changing lanes unsafely, and running red lights and stop signs.

Unlike the movie, aggressive driving is no laughing matter. It tragically results in increased car crashes, injuries and fatalities throughout Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC.

In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that aggressive driving may be responsible for two-thirds of highway fatalities. Applied to Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, approximately 1,000 deaths annually are attributable to aggressive driving—or about three deaths per day.

Smooth Operator 2003 strives to reduce aggressive driving in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia with four intensive week-long law enforcement waves, powerful radio ads, compelling transit bus placards and news coverage. With more than 75 participating public agencies and private groups, including more than 50 state and local law enforcement agencies, the 2003 campaign is reminding citizens of the many dangers and consequences of aggressive driving including getting caught and serving jail time—or worse, injuring or killing someone.

Smooth Operator law enforcement waves have proven successful in catching aggressive drivers, as evidenced by the more than 219,000 citations given out in four waves last year. Since the program's inception in 1997, law enforcement officers have issued more than 700,000 citations. The increasing number of citations underscores the fact that area law enforcement agencies are out in full force to crack down on aggressive driving.

The 2003 wave dates are May 24 to 31, June 22 to 28, July 20 to 26, and August 24 to 30.

## **VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SUPPORT HONORED**

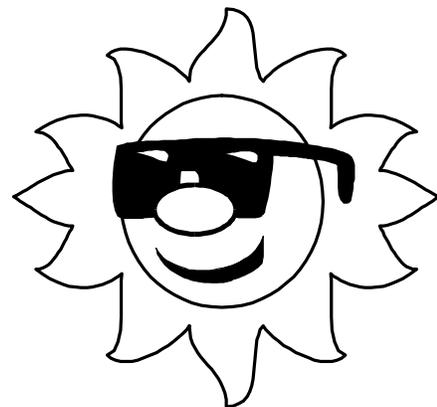
The Maryland State Police Volunteers in Police Support (VIPS) program was honored at the annual Maryland State Police Alumni Association's (MSPAA) Trooper of the Year luncheon on Wednesday, May 21.

MSPAA's President Ted Moyer introduced Bill Dauer, VIPS Director; Betty Dauer, VIPS Assistant Director; and Jay Bondar, VIPS staff member and associate member of the MSPAA. President Moyer informed the audience of the invaluable service the VIPS provide for the Maryland State Police. Many of the alumni had no knowledge of the extent of the VIPS efforts to maximize the time troopers have to perform their sworn duties. He emphasized the thousands of hours of service performed and the hundreds of thousands of dollars they have saved for the MSP.

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The Baltimore County Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP) presented Peggy Lea Gosnell, a volunteer with the MSP Education and Training Section, with their Golden Service Award. The award was presented to Peggy Lea in recognition of her long term service to the Maryland State Police, her determination to exemplify the mission of all volunteers, and service to her community.

The award was presented on May 23, 2003 at the RSVP's annual awards luncheon. Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith delivered the honors.



***Enjoy a safe summer!***

## MERCHANTS RECOGNIZE TROOPERS

As part of a statewide law enforcement recognition program, Trooper First Class Jacob Cameron of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway Barracks and Corporal Padraic Lacy of the Westminster Barracks won awards for their efforts in retail crime apprehension. TFC Cameron received the award for the Eastern Shore region and Cpl. Lacy won for the Western region.

The award is sponsored by the Maryland Retailers Association (MRA), the retail community's major statewide group in Maryland. According to MRA President Tom Saquella, "the program recognizes the activities and accomplishments of those officers like TFC Cameron and Cpl. Lacy who affect the daily lives of merchants."

Trooper First Class Cameron and Corporal Lacy received their awards on May 14 at the BWI Marriott Hotel following a retail security seminar.

## CARROLL COUNTY COMBINED INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WINS MAJOR AWARD

Maryland State Police Superintendent Colonel Edward T. Norris, Carroll County State's Attorney Jerry F. Barnes and Sheriff Kenneth L. Tregoning recently congratulated a dedicated team of criminal investigators whose efforts resulted in a major award presented by the Federal Bar Association.

The Maryland State Police Criminal Investigation Section at the Westminster Barracks was presented with a silver award from the District of Columbia Chapter of the Federal Bar Association. The investigative section includes three components which are general assignment, the warrant/fugitive unit and the Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Unit (CASA.). These units are staffed by investigators from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office, the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office and the Maryland State Police.

During 2002, investigators made 577 criminal arrests, 35 juvenile arrests and placed almost 1,200 criminal charges in the more than 1,600 investigations conducted. Assistance was also provided in numerous investigations and search warrants for municipal, local and federal law enforcement agencies.

Criminal investigations during 2002 ranged from fraud to homicide. One investigation involved the

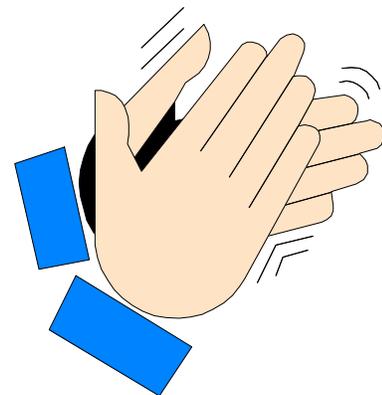
murder of a Carroll County man in November whose body was found on the parking lot of his place of employment. With little to go on, police persistence resulted in the identification of a murder-for-hire plot and the arrest of the murderer and the victim's wife.

Another high profile investigation involved two victims who reported being molested by a Catholic priest more than 20 years ago. Investigators and prosecutors from the CASA Unit worked diligently to uncover evidence that led to the indictment and conviction of the accused.

Colonel Norris, Sheriff Tregoning and State's Attorney Barnes all acknowledge that the success of the Criminal Investigation Section is due to the dedicated efforts of the investigators and their commitment to work together for the citizens of Carroll County. These law enforcement leaders are committed to continuing this cooperative law enforcement partnership.

The award from the Federal Bar Association was presented during ceremonies Friday, May 9, 2003 in Arlington, Virginia.

Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Andrew G. Winner, Sgt. David A. Warner, Sgt. Kevin Utz, Sgt. Douglas Reitz, Sgt. Keith Papi, Cpl. Alfred A. Eways, Cpl. Padraic Lacy, Cpl. Robert Stryjewski, Cpl. Jeffrey Tanzola, Cpl. Wayne Moffatt, Cpl. Brian Pearre, TFC John Linton, TFC Scott Zimmerman, TFC Danielle Barry, TFC Charlene Yinger, and TFC Phillip Henry of the Maryland State Police; Deputy First Class Bruce VanLeuvan, Deputy First Class Rex Scott, Sgt. Patrick Fischer, Sgt. Paul Nolte of the Carroll County Sheriff's Office; and Investigators Ruth Ann Arty, Thomas Bader, Rosanna Bryson, and Meredith Ramaley of the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office.

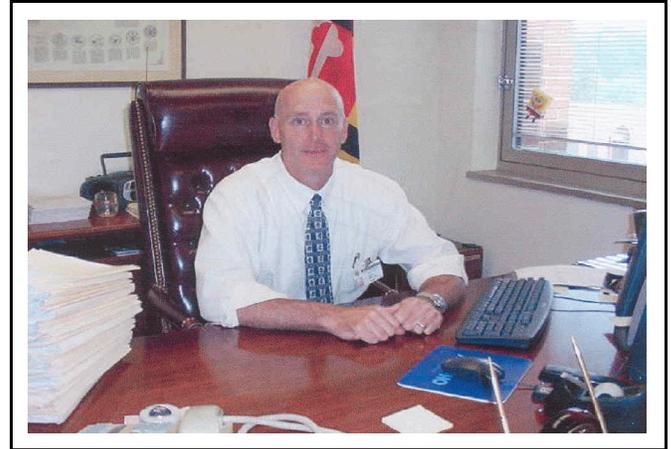


## MEET THE MSP CHIEF OF STAFF

Twenty-one years of police experience accompanies Robert Biemiller to Pikesville as the new Maryland State Police Chief of Staff.

Mr. Biemiller began his career with the Baltimore Police Department in April 1982. After graduation, he patrolled the Western District for six years. He served as a sergeant in the Northwest and Western Districts; as a Lieutenant in the Southwest District, Education and Training Division, Violent Crimes Task Force; and the Criminal Intelligence Unit. In June 1998, he was promoted to Major where he oversaw department projects, represented the Police Commissioner at Criminal Justice meetings to coordinate multi-agency crime reduction efforts and worked with city legislators to reduce crime. As a Major, he also served as the Northern District commander and Special Operations Section commander. In July 2002, he was promoted to Colonel and designated as Chief of the Patrol Division. He served in that capacity until joining the Maryland State Police in January 2003.

We welcome Mr. "B" to the Maryland State Police.



*Robert Biemiller*

**IF YOU HAVE A BIRTH, DEATH OR RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT, PLEASE CONTACT DENISE K. MASIMORE, OFFICE OF MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, 410-653-4239, DIRECTLY.**

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHOOSES TROOPER OF THE YEAR

Wednesday, May 21, 2003 was a very special day for Trooper First Class Kevin M. Moriarty and his wife, Staci. At a luncheon, the Maryland State Police Alumni Association (MSPAA) honored

TFC Moriarty, from the Glen Burnie Barracks, as their 2002 Trooper of the Year.

A trooper for four years, his supervisor says that he functions as a seasoned veteran. He is cited as an aggressive enforcer of traffic and criminal laws, a leader among his peers and a team player. He has excellent work ethics and always gives 110 percent.

In 2002, TFC Moriarty led the Glen Burnie Barracks in almost every performance category. His individual drug arrests beat every entire work group at the barracks.

MSPAA President Ted Moyer presented TFC Moriarty with a plaque, a \$500 bond, and a free weekend in Ocean City, Maryland. The Maryland Troopers Association provided a gift certificate. Kevin's wife, Staci, and his mother each received a necklace with a charm that read, WIFE Trooper of the Year 2002 and MOTHER Trooper of the Year 2002.

### TFC Kevin M. Moriarty 2002 Statistics

<b>Citations</b>	<b>1,359</b>
<b>DWI's</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>	<b>89</b>
<b>Drug Arrests</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Accidents</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Total Stops</b>	<b>2,132</b>
<b>AIR's</b>	<b>1,401</b>

## POLICE COMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS HONORED

There are two very special police communications operators in the Maryland State Police. Both are women, both work at the La Plata Barracks and both tied for Police Communications Operator of the Year. On April 17, 2003, the Mid-Eastern Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Inc. recognized PCO II Diana K. Riley and PCO II Cynthia R. Langer as Police Communications Operators of the Year at an awards ceremony held in Dover, Delaware.

We remember the evening of April 28, 2002, when Charles County, Maryland was hit by a tornado. It was the largest and most destructive tornado to ever hit the Eastern seaboard. The destruction was widespread throughout the county. One of the areas hit the hardest was the town of La Plata, the county seat. Most of the roads leading in and out of the town, including U.S. Rt. 301 and the Nice Bridge, which connects Southern Maryland and Virginia, were closed due to downed trees and power lines.

PCO II Diana K. Riley immediately dispatched a trooper to the town of La Plata to confirm that a tornado had hit the town and to assess the damage. Learning that there was massive destruction in and around La Plata, PCO II Riley sent all MSP units working to La Plata to assist the residents. She then started calling other barracks in the state to get additional troopers sent to La Plata. The demands put on her and the duty officer were trying at best. There were numerous telephone calls to be answered and many more to be made.

PCO II Cynthia R. Langer responded to the barracks soon after the tornado hit to assist with communications. She wasn't under any obligation to respond to work, but did so without being called upon. Once PCO II Langer arrived at the barracks, she immediately began answering telephone calls and working with the duty officer to arrange for additional help from off-duty troopers and other barracks throughout the state. She remained at the barracks until 7 a.m. the next day. PCO II Langer has spent her entire life in Charles County. When she was growing up, Charles County was a rural area where everyone knew each other. Most of her family and friends reside in and around La Plata. PCO II Langer felt it was her obligation to respond



PCO II Cynthia R. Langer (L) and PCO II Diana K. Riley proudly display their recently acquired Police Communications Operator of the Year Awards.

(PHOTO BY KIMBERLY S. GREGORY)

to the barracks to lend technical support, despite the fact that she did not know how her family or friends fared from the tornado.

Both PCO II Riley and PCO II Langer continued to work 12-hour shifts throughout the next two weeks and gave up their days off.

Congratulations and thank you!

## **BIRTHS**

Conn, Dalton James, born on April 21, 2003 to PCO Mary Conn (Bel Air Barracks) and husband, Jeremy

Plumadore, Savannah MacKenzie, 6 lbs. 11 oz., born on April 14, 2003 to TFC Christopher Plumadore (Salisbury Barracks) and wife, Megan

Williams, Samantha Ann, 9 lbs., born on April 26, 2003, to Cpl. Amy Williams (Berlin Barracks) and husband

## **DEATHS (continued)**

Mileo, Jason David, April 21, 2003, grandson of Cpl. (Ret.) Vincent Mileo. Jason, a U.S. Marine, lost his life during military operations in Iraq.

Suarez-Murias, Sharon, April 17, 2003, sister of Major Robert L. Scruggs, Criminal Investigation Division

Taylor, Walter A., April 18, 2003, brother-in-law of Linda Powers, Criminal Investigation Division

Thomas, Karen, May 20, 2003, sister-in-law of Lt. Robert F. Bambarly, ASES

## **MULTIPLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT KILLS TWO ON FOG-SHROUDED INTERSTATE IN GARRETT COUNTY**

The Memorial Day holiday weekend didn't start out as safely as everyone had hoped. At 2 p.m. on Friday, May 23, a 73-vehicle collision on Interstate 68, east of the Finzel exit in Garrett County, left two people dead.

Approximately 95 to 100 occupants sustained a multitude of injuries and were transported to Sacred Heart and Cumberland Memorial Hospitals. Several were treated and released. Those not needing medical treatment were taken by bus to Eastern Garrett County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Rocky Gap State Park, and the Wisp Ski Resort. Some were transported to area hotels to spend the night. Volunteers from the American Red Cross assisted with lodging and travel arrangements.

The preliminary investigation indicated that shortly before 2:30 p.m., all vehicles were being operated west on I-68, prior to the Finzel exit, when the drivers encountered very dense fog. Visibility was reportedly limited to 50 to 75 yards and rain was falling at the time of the crash.

An initial crash occurred between a van and pickup truck which started a chain reaction of collisions, which reportedly lasted close to 10 minutes. When the last vehicles collided, a total of 73 vehicles were involved and included several tractor trailer units. Interstate 68 was closed in both directions throughout the night and into the late afternoon the next day as investigators worked to clear the wreckage. A total of 17 miles was affected.

The crash investigation is being conducted by troopers from the State Police Crash Team with assistance from the National Transportation Safety Board. Personnel from the State Highway Administration, Garrett County Roads, Cumberland Police Department and Garrett County Sheriff's Department responded to assist with traffic detours. More than 30 fire and rescue units from Maryland, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania responded to treat the injured.



Dense fog contributed to the accidents on and the shutdown of I-68 in Garrett County, Maryland.

(MSP PHOTO BY CPL. ROB MORONEY)

## **RETIREMENTS**

Bowers, C. Thomas, Major, Operations Bureau,  
June 1, 2003, 29 years 11 months of service

Brooks, William E., III, First Sergeant,  
June 1, 2003, 27 years and 6 months of service

Collins, Joseph, Sgt., Waterloo Barracks,  
May 1, 2003, 24 years and 10 months of service

Jerome, Joann M., Sgt., Firearms Registration  
Section, June 1, 2003, 26 years 4 months of service

Lukasewicz, James, TFC, Leonardtown Barracks,  
May 1, 2003, 8 years and 10 months of service

Miller, Lorenzo, Sgt., College Park Barracks,  
May 1, 2003, 12 years 5 months of service

Robinson, Antonio D., Sgt., College Park Barracks,  
May 1, 2003, 13 years and 4 months of service

Rubin, Benjamin S., Automotive Service Specialist,  
June 1, 2003, 22 years and 6 months of service

Szimanski, Vicki L., Cpl., Quartermaster Section,  
June 1, 2003, 15 years and 10 months of service

Thompson, Craig, Pilot/Sgt., Aviation Division,  
May 1, 2003, 28 years and 7 months of service

Tucker, James O., TFC, Golden Ring Barracks,  
May 1, 2003, 16 years and 6 months of service

Whitaker, Jacqueline L., Lieutenant, Inspection  
Section, 21 years 6 months of service

## TROOPERS NOMINATED FOR SUN POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the 26 troopers nominated for *The Baltimore Sun's* "Police Officer of the Year" Award.

TFC Jon J. Wilson Bel Air Barrack	TFC P. A. Smith Hagerstown Barrack
TFC Shawn J. Ward Bel Air Barrack	TFC Timothy L. Aronhalt Waterloo Barrack
TFC Richard D. Janney North East Barrack	TFC Charlene Yinger Westminster Barrack
TFC Jacob Cameron John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway Barrack	TFC Samuel Irby Forestville Barrack
TFC Lee R. Link Golden Ring Barrack	TFC Jun W. Lee College Park Barrack
TFC Fuentes Bouknight Waldorf Barrack	TFC Marlon E. Iglesias Rockville Barrack
TFC Christopher Hite Annapolis Barrack	TFC Carl R. Hager Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section
TFC Kevin Moriarty Glen Burnie Barrack	Sgt. Janet E. Harrison Special Operations Division
TFC Jeffrey S. Jones Leonardtown Barrack	TFC Gary W. Martin Frederick Barrack
Trooper David E. Carter Prince Frederick Barrack	TFC Marvin W. Weedon Frederick Barrack
Trooper James Mastronardi Salisbury Barrack	Cpl. James N. Pilchard Traffic Operations Section
TFC Cynthia L. Hurt Easton Barrack	TFC Howard D. Kennard Berlin Barrack
TFC Jeffrey S. Pettitt Centreville Barrack	TFC David R. Lagueux Princess Anne Barrack

## PRESIDENT SIGNS *PROTECT ACT OF 2003*

Congress has passed and President Bush has signed the Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today (PROTECT) Act of 2003, a historic milestone for our nation's children. The comprehensive child protection legislation creates a national AMBER (America's Missing Broadcast Emergency Response) Alert system.

The bill designates an AMBER Alert coordinator at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) so programs are consistent and activated in a meaningful way. It also provides 30 million dollars in resources from DOJ and the Department of Transportation to expand, enhance and link the 91 local, regional, and statewide programs that currently exist. The funding will also create AMBER training programs for law enforcement and broadcasters and help improve the Emergency Alert System which is used to activate the Alerts similar to the process for severe weather emergencies.

The bill also provides many other important tools to prevent, investigate and prosecute violent crimes against children. It provides greater supervision for sex offenders, enhances penalties for those who murder children, sets mandatory life sentences for twice convicted sex offenders, and targets virtual child pornographers.

Maryland's AMBER Alert Plan was implemented in August 2002. The partnership includes local police and sheriff's departments; Maryland State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Maryland/DC/Delaware Broadcasters' Association; Cable Telecommunications Association of Maryland, Delaware, and the District of Columbia; Maryland Emergency Management Agency; and the Maryland Center for Missing Children.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**AUGUST**

TBA MSP Softball Tournament  
5 National Night Out Against Crime  
13-16 Maryland Association of Counties  
Convention  
22-31 Maryland State Fair  
24-30 Smooth Operator Fourth Wave  
29-31 Operation CARE Mobilization

**SEPTEMBER**

**MARYLAND SAFE COMMUNITIES**

1 State Fair Ends  
1 Operation CARE Mobilization  
7-10 Maryland Chiefs of Police  
Association Annual Convention and  
Awards Dinner  
7-13 Stop on Red Week  
TBA Superintendent's Pistol Match

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